



# The Book of Romans

Tuesday Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

July 7: The Law and Sin

Romans 7:1-12

What are the three functions of the Law?

## Romans 7:1

What Law is Paul talking about?

When is the Law binding?

## Romans 7:2-3

What example does Paul give regarding our relationship to the Mosaic Law?

**1 Corinthians 7:39** A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.

Is it okay to marry outside of the faith?

**2 Corinthians 6:14** Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

What happens if a woman remarries while her husband is alive?

**Matthew 5:32** But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

## Romans 7:4

In what sense have we died to the Law?

Are we then free from all biblical commandments and direction?

## **Romans 7:5-6**

Does the Law cause us to sin even more?

<sup>NIV</sup> **Romans 7:5** For when we were controlled by the sinful nature, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in our bodies, so that we bore fruit for death.

What is the old way? What is the new way?

## **Romans 7:7-8**

Was the Law somehow sinful?

What did the Law reveal?

What does it mean to covet?

“We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.” – The Small Catechism

## **Romans 7:9-11**

Was Paul actually alive apart from the Law? What does he mean?

Do the commandments promise life? How do they bring death?

**Leviticus 18:5** You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD.

**Luke 10:25-28** And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

## **Romans 7:12**

How does Paul describe the Law?